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## WEEK 14 PREVIEW

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Welcome to the Major Arena Soccer League 2 2025-26 season, our ninth season of action from Baltimore to California, and Minnesota to Mexico City.

The 2025-26 season features longstanding teams, new faces in new places, and the pride of being part of the premier pyramid of professional indoor soccer in North American, with four leagues with 69 teams in total playing under the Major Arena Soccer League brand.

The competition figures to be fierce in all three divisions in 2025-26. starting in the east with the return of stellar clubs including Utica's United Elite

Krajisnik (official affiliate of the MASL's Utica City FC), Danbury's Spice City FC and the Salisbury Steaks. New is FC Baltimore 1729 who will serve as the official affiliate of the MASL Baltimore Blast and of course the Harrisburg Heat, who drop to MASL 2 for one season and will play in a familiar spot, Hersheypark Arena in Hershey.

Two new faces are both old friends coming back into the MASL family in the Iowa Raptors in Cedar Rapids and the Omaha Kings. The pair have previously played in MASL 2, and will join the always tough Iowa Demon Hawks, Minnesota Blizzard and iconic Wichita Wings in the Midwest Division.



Out west, several teams will make their MASL debut including a team in the largest city in North America, Mexico City. They will be joined by Soles de Sonora who is loading up on MASL talent, and a new team in Guadalajara which will make for plenty on intense “national pride” matchups. The OKC Certified Lions move into their brand new 4,500 seat arena in downtown Oklahoma City this year – with teams in both MASL 2 and MASL 3 – and the Turlock Cal Express return as well. Longtime MASL face in the Dallas area, Ed Puskarich, a former coach for the MASL Sidekicks, brings the Texas Spurs to MASL 2 this year and Northern California gets in on the fun in 2025-26 too with the debut of the Soccer Central Black Hawks in the Monterrey region.

Each MASL 2 team plays a 12-game regular season schedule, with a national playoffs to conclude the year.



## United Elite Krajisnik at FC Baltimore 1729



Friday, March 6

Kickoff at 1 p.m. EST

Southeast Regional Recreation Center, Dundalk, Maryland

**>> PREVIOUS GAMES:** This is a rematch of a game last weekend in Utica, won by United Elite 8-4. Once again Baltimore put up a spirited effort – and in fact it was a 3-3 game well into the third quarter – for United Elite pulled away. They held a 19-10 edge in shots on goal. Elizandro Cardoso broke the tie just two minutes after Baltimore tied it, and Joshua Card got what proved to be the game winner about 90 seconds after that. Cardoso had a big game, scoring four goals after scoring just two goals in five previous appearances. Laeh

Seo had a goal and one assist as did Card. Edmar Vieira added two assists. Ceesay Babucarr got the win in goal. Daniel Cooper led Baltimore with one goal and one assist. The two also met Dec. 14 in Utica, with United Elite taking a 7-5 win. For the second straight week, a home team rallied from a second half deficit to win their 2025-26 opener. In the league opener Dec. 6, the Iowa Raptors trailed 6-2 in the second half, only to catch fire and win 8-7. Utica's United Elite Krajisnik didn't have quite that hill to climb, but they did trail on no less than five different times in the game, but each time only by one goal, before getting the game winner from Stephan Teixeira with just 29 seconds to play. He also provided the equalizer with 7:05 to play, after Isiah Dorsey gave Baltimore the last of its five leads, this one 6-5, scoring with just under 10 minutes left in the final period. Utica outshot the Maryland visitors 23-14. Teixeira also added two assists for a four-point game. Jorge Lozado added a goal and one assist for Utica, as teammate Andrew Taylor got the win in goal. For Baltimore, Ayoub Abdelkarim and Eber Ospina each scored twice.

**>> GAME NOTES:** United Elite – whose parent club is Utica City FC in the Major Arena Soccer League – is atop the East with a 4-2 mark, but they have played three more games than the 3-0 Harrisburg Heat in second. Krajisnik had a goal differential of plus five with 45 goals scored and 40 given up. Baltimore is 0-4, but has a goal differential of just minus six with 17 scored and 23 given up.

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Elizandro Cardoso has appeared in all six of United Elite's game with six goals and three assists. Francesco Pagano, who has also dressed for Utica City in five games, has played in just two of United Elite's starts, but has seven goals and three assists. For Baltimore, Niall Croke is their leader with three goals and three assists. Isiah Dorsey has three goals and two assists.

**>> UP NEXT:** United Elite Krajisnik vs. Salisbury Steaks on Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. EDT at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y. / FC Baltimore 1729 vs. Harrisburg Heat on Saturday, March 14 at 3 p.m. EST at Northeast Regional Recreation Center, Parkville, Maryland.

## Soccer Central Black Hawks at Turlock Cal Express

Friday, March 6

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California

Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Soccer Central, Watsonville, California



**>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two played a home-and-home two weekends ago, splitting the two games. These two battled in two entertaining games over the weekend, with Friday's contest going to overtime before Turlock got the game winner on a corner kick restart from Alfonso Ocampo Sanchez just over 90 seconds into the extra time. The Express never trailed in the game, although it was tied on three different occasions, the last at 6-6 when Juan Gonzalez forced OT with his goal in the final minute of regulation. Luis Brambila led the way with a goal and three assists for the Express. Omar Garcia had a hat trick and Eden Sandoval scored twice. For Soccer Central, Gonzalez finished the night with two goals and one assist. Ivan Campos also had a pair. Angel Joaquin- Guzman got the win in goal. On Saturday, it was Soccer Central's turn to turn the tables, winning by a 7-5 count. On Saturday, Soccer Central led 4-3 and intermission and got the game winner from Hugo Vargas with 11:24 to play in the fourth. Alexis Rincon led the way with two goals and one assist while Ivan Campos and Vargas each had one goal and one assist. Turlock got goals from five different players, and Ivan Rios had two assists.

**>> GAME NOTES:** This is the second home and home series between the two in the last two weekends. Turlock has played plenty of competitive games as evidenced by their goal differential of minus 10 despite their 2-5 record. They have allowed 52 goals, and scored 42. Soccer Central is 3-5-1 with a minus 22 differential with 50 scored and 72 surrendered.

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Turlock is led by Luis Brambila who has 10 goals and eight assists. Omar Garcia and Ricardo Garcia are tied for second on the team in goals with five each. For Soccer Central finds much of its offense from Hugo Vargas with nine goals and five assists. Ivan Campos has seven goals and seven assists.

**>> UP NEXT:** Soccer Central Black Hawks vs. Soles de Sonora on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. PDT at Soccer Central, Watsonville, California / Turlock Cal Express vs Soles de Sonora on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. PDT at Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California.

## Omaha Kings at Minnesota Blizzard

Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota



**>> PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two played last weekend in Nebraska. Omaha won its third straight, but the Blizzard put up a good early fight, tying up the game in the second quarter, 3-3, on a goal from Jordan Maldonado. But the Kings answered with three straight to end

the first half up three, and Minnesota only got one goal over the final two-plus quarters. Bobby Jaffrey led the way for Omaha with two goals and one assist. Reigning league Offensive Player of the Week Ali Sodal added a pair of goals and Manuel Lira had a goal and two assists. Caio Brito had a goal and one assist. Efren Flores made 22 saves in getting the win as Minnesota had a 30-22 advantage in shots. They also played Jan. 17 in Omaha, with the Kings winning 9-4. Omaha unleashed a Blizzard of shots on goal – 35 in all – in picking up a win over their visitors from Minnesota, who managed just 15 shots on goal. The Blizzard actually went up 3-2 on a goal from Devan DiGrado midway through the second quarter before, but the Kings defense stepped up from there and only allowed just one more Minnesota goal the rest of the way. Morgan Penn, Manuel Lir and Gabriel Gaiotto all had two goals each to lead the Omaha offense. Taariq Ganga got the win in goal. Francesco Esteban led the way for Minnesota with two goals.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Omaha continues to turn its season around, and come into this one winning three straight. They are 3-4-1 with a minus six goal differential with 45 scored and 51 given up. For Minnesota, it's home sweet home, sort of. The Blizzard played their first six games on the road, and will play their last six at their temporary home, the Centennial Sports Arena. Their regular home, the Warner Coliseum at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, is temporarily closed while it undergoes a multi-million dollar renovation. The Blizzard plan to return there for the 2026-27 season. They are 0-6 with a goal differential of minus 36 with 21 goals scored and 57 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Omaha is led offensively by Manuel Lira with nine goals and four assists. Ali Sodal has been coming on strong of late too with eight goals and two assists. For Minnesota, local standout Devan DiGrado has five goals and four assists. Francesco Esteban leads the team in goals with seven.

>> **UP NEXT:** Omaha Kings at Iowa Demon Hawks on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. EDT at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa / Minnesota Blizzard vs. Iowa Raptors on Sunday, March 8 at 5 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

# Guadalajara Mariachis

## at Soles De Sonora

Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PDT

Gimnasio Unison, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two met in early February, in Guadalajara, with the Mariachis pulling out an 8-7 triumph. Those totally bored with the Super Bowl got plenty of entertainment if they tuned into this one with a great display of skill and action that

stamped the Mariachis (4-0) as “legit” and maybe then some for the 2025-26 season. Guadalajara jumped to a 7-3 halftime lead, and then withstood a huge Sonora (3-3-1) effort in the second half, with Jose Ruvalcaba Aguirre getting the game winner with just over nine minutes left in the fourth. Jorge Rios scored for Sonora with 7:09 to play, but that's all they would get the rest of the way. The top three teams in a wicked race to the top of the South division are a combined 15-0 so far in 2025-26. Erick Morales Diaz led the Mariachis offense with his two goals and Oscar Hernandez Mendez added a goal and one assist. Luis Gomez Luna got the win in goal. Rios ended the night with two goals and two assists for Sonora.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Everyone in the West is chasing OKC and Mexico City, who are both 7-0. Guadalajara is at 4-3-1 with 55 goals scored and 48 allowed for a plus seven goal differential. Sonora is right behind them in the standings at 3-4-1 with a goal differential of minus 3 with 60 scored and 63 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** MASL legend Franck Tayou started the season with Sonora, but recently signed with the MASL Tacoma Stars. They still have plenty of firepower left on the roster including Cristhian Segura with eight goals and seven assists and Genaro Castillo with eight goals and five assists in just five starts. For Guadalajara, Jose Ruvalcaba Aguirre leads the team in points on six goals and four assists. Oscar Hernandez Mendez is tied for the team lead in goals with six as well.

>> **UP NEXT:** Guadalajara Mariachis at Mexico City on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. CDT at Gimnasio Olimpico Juan De Barrera, Mexico City, Mexico / Soles de Sonora at Turlock Cal Express on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. PDT at Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California.

## Harrisburg Heat at Spice City FC



Sunday, March 8

Kickoff at 3 p.m.

Danbury Arena, Danbury, Connecticut

>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams

>> **GAME NOTES:** A spicy matchup to be sure between two of the best in the East.

Harrisburg has won its first three starts, all on the road, and Spice City hasn't played since late December, winning both, so there is still plenty up for grabs in the division with teams having a back-loaded schedule. The Heat have a goal differential of plus 24 with 36 goals scored and 12 given up. Spice is a plus 16 with 23 scored and just seven allowed.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Thiago Frietas is the MASL Energizer Bunny, he just keeps going and going and going. The timeless wonder in three games has eight goals and seven assists

in his three starts. Player/Coach Hugo Silva has a deep history in goal in the MASL, and provides and great defensive anchor. Spice is led by Adhemar Costa with six goals and Louis John Fred with four.

>> **UP NEXT:** Harrisburg Heat at FC Baltimore 1729 on Saturday, March 14 at 3 p.m. EDT at Northwest Regional Recreation Center, Parkville, Maryland / Spice City FC at United Elite Krajsnik on Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. EDT at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.

## Iowa Raptors at Minnesota Blizzard

Sunday, March 8

Kickoff at 5 p.m. CDT

Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two teams lifted the lid on the MASL 2 2025-26 season on Dec. 6 in Cedar Rapids with the host Raptors pulling out an 8-7 win. The host Raptors built up a 6-2 lead in the first minute of the third quarter, only to see the Blizzard score four unanswered in the final 14 minutes to tie the game at 6-6 heading to the final frame. Minnesota's Logan Weller scored just 16 seconds into the fourth to put Minnesota up by one – its fifth straight unanswered goal – before the Raptors rallied much to the delight of the home crowd which included Cedar Rapids Mayor Tiffany O'Donnell. Jake Johnson tied the game with his goal with 5:56 to go. Veteran Jonah Dancer picked a great time then to score his fourth goal of the contest netting the game-winner with just 54 seconds to play on a restart in the offensive end following a Minnesota blue card. Ronaldo Rojas had two goals and two assists for Iowa, while Johnson had two assists as well for a three point night and Bobby Hurwitz picked up two assists. Francesco Esteban scored twice for the Blizzard. Weller had two goals and one assist. Sean Austin got the win in goal for Iowa.

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Blizzard game notes and players to watch. See above. The Raptors come in 5-3 with 53 goals allowed and 52 scored for a goal differential of minus 1.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Ronaldo Rojas has been a giant for Iowa, scoring 16 goals and adding four assists. Veteran Jonah Dancer has eight goals and seven assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Iowa Raptors vs. Iowa Demon Hawks on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. CDT at Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Minnesota Blizzard vs. Wichita Wings on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

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Friday, March 13	Soles de Sonora at Turlock Cal Express, 7 p.m. PDT
Saturday, March 14	Harrisburg Heat at FC Baltimore 1729, 3 p.m. EDT
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Sunday, March 15	Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajisnik, 10:30 p.m. EDT
Sunday, March 15	Guadalajara Mariachis at Mexico City, 3 p.m. CDT
Sunday, March 15	Omaha Kings at Iowa Demon Hawks, 7 p.m. CDT



## » EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
United Elite Krajisnik	6	4	2	0	12	4	45	40	+5
Harrisburg Heat	3	3	0	0	9	3	36	12	+24
Spice City FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	7	+16
Salisbury Steaks	7	2	5	0	6	2	26	65	-39
FC Baltimore 1729	4	0	4	0	0	0	17	23	-6

## >> MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Demon Hawks	7	7	0	0	21	7	72	18	+54
Wichita Wings	9	4	3	2	14	4	50	61	-11
Iowa Raptors	8	5	3	0	12	4	52	53	-1
Omaha Kings	8	3	4	1	10	3	45	51	-6
Minnesota Blizzard	6	0	6	0	0	0	21	57	-36

## >> SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Mexico City	7	7	0	0	21	7	76	18	+58
OKC Certified Lions	7	7	0	0	20	6	58	30	+28
Guadalajara Mariachis	8	4	3	1	13	4	55	48	+7
Soles de Sonora	8	3	4	1	10	3	60	63	-3
Soccer Central Blackhawks	9	3	5	1	10	2	49	72	-23
Texas Spurs	10	2	8	0	5	1	43	100	-57
Turlock Cal Express	7	2	5	0	5	1	42	52	-10

## 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	19
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	7	18
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	8	16
Wyatt Fowler	Texas Spurs	10	10
Aaron Ramirez	Mexico City	5	9
Irvin Mojica	Iowa Demon Hawks	4	9
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	9
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	8	9

## 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	7	12
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	8
Adriano Nunes	Mexico City	4	7
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	8	7
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	7	7

Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	7	7
Ivan Campos	Soccer Central	6	7
Thiago Frietas	Harrisburg Heat	3	7

## 2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	7	24
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	23
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	8	20
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	17
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	7	15
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	8	15
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	7	15
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	3	15

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## 2024-25 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GL</u>
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	41
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	11	35
Gabriel Martinez Camarillo	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	34
Mershad Ahmadi	United Elite Krajisnik	9	26
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	11	24
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	23
Caique Trivelato	Wichita Wings	9	22
Ruben Torres	OKC Certified Lions	9	22
Cam Will	Muskegon Risers	10	22

## 2024-25 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	33
Ricky Orozco	United Elite Krajisnik	10	29
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	23
Alvaro Luevano	Chihuahua Savage	12	21
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	21
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	4	20

## 2024-25 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>TP</u>
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	68
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	64
Gabriel Martinez Camarillo	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	46
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	44
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	11	39
Ricky Orozco	Utica United Elite	10	37
Ruben Torres	OKC Certified Lions	9	35
Alvaro Loevano	Chihuahua Savage	9	34

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